

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	Hiroyuki Nakata et al.
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Title	:	WELDING SYSTEM AND CONSUMABLE ELECTRODE WELDING METHOD
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Docket No.	:	NGB-40647

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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 4, 2009 (Paper No. 20090808). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 4, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.